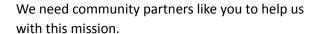
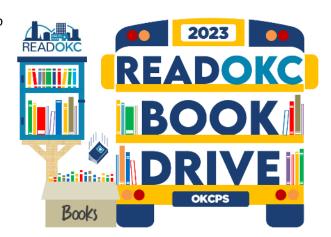




Each year, March is designated as National Reading Month to highlight reading as a key component of education and professional development. In conjunction with National Reading Month, the Oklahoma City Public Schools Foundation is organizing its first annual ReadOKC Book Drive in March 2023.

ReadOKC's mission is to "instill the love of reading to all students in the Oklahoma City public schools and our community". One of the primary ways we accomplish this is by making books more accessible through the collection and distribution of donated books. New books donated during the book drive will be selected for the ReadOKC On the Go! Book Bus and gently used books will be placed in one of our 69 Little Libraries located at OKCPS elementary, middle and high schools.





Hosting a ReadOKC Book Drive is easy!

- 1. Sign up to host at the following link: https://www.okckids.com/readokc/
- 2. Instructions and materials will be provided to help you prepare for your book drive leading up to our kickoff event in March.
- 3. Donation boxes and materials can be picked up at the Oklahoma City Public Schools Operations Center on February 24th or 27th.
 - o Address: 2734 Miramar Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73111
- 4. In March, neighbors, coworkers, friends, and family will donate new and gently used books to your donation box at a central location of your choosing.
- 5. Once your book drive is over, collect and deliver your donations back to the Operations Center.

Thank you for expressing interest in partnering with us for this exciting opportunity and for your continued support of Oklahoma City public schools and its students. We believe that all students should have access to books and that reading is the key to unlocking a brighter future.

For more information about this ReadOKC initiative and other volunteering opportunities, please visit the <u>ReadOKC website</u> or contact <u>Alison Taylor</u> and/or <u>Meghan Mueller</u>.

Thank you,

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